

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE-----
IN RE APPLICATION OF:**Gale et al.**: EXAMINER: **Herbert J. Lilling**SERIAL NO.: **10/573,636**: ART UNIT: **1657**FILED: **March 28, 2006**

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FOR: **Fermentation Method for the
Preparation of Testolactone by Fusarium
Species**

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RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.111

This is in response to the Office Actions mailed February 5, 2008 and February 21, 2008 in the subject patent application. The term for responding to these Office Actions was set to expire three months from February 5, 2008 and February 21, 2008, respectively, i.e., on May 5, 2008 and May 21, 2008. Applicants have included a petition for a three month extension of time such that the term for responding expires on August 5, 2008. Applicants believe that only one extension of time fee is required. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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